## The Reflections of a Knocker.

On Federal Supervision.

BY JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

us to wear styles that would drive the tag man to drink, government hatters will put tiles on our heads that would make us ashamed to look ourselves in the face. Every blessed thing will be on a partisan bias in the natural order of things. If a fellow wants to make love to a girl he'll have to do it under government supervision. If a woman wants to discharge a cook she'll have to do it through the department of domestic affairs and even these have the to do it through the department of do-mestic affairs and even then have the case reviewed by all the courts from the lowest to the supreme before the lady will budge if she doesn't happen to want to. Altogether, Crowler, this federal control isn't all its cracked up to be, and while I wouldn't give a tin-ker's by-word if they sent the Rocker-bilt-Morgan tribe to Siberia and made 'em work for a living, as the first step toward usurpation of private effort I'm toward usurpation of private effort I'm against it.

against it."
"Your indictment isn't very effective," began Growler,
"Well, there's one last point against it the effectiveness of which you can't gainsay," said the Knocker.
"What's that?" queried the Growler.
"The millions of people that will be put out of work the minute Theodore Roosevelt yets their job. that's what" Roosevelt gets their job—that's what," said the Knecker, "No man in the world has a right to do as much as he wants to."

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PAIN IN LOST LIMBS.

Physical Phenomenon Which Physicians are Not Able to Explain.

(Chicago Inter-Ocean.) stomachs on the output of the government burses of the content of the government burses of the country of the property of the property of the land of the dark places of earth, we'd get nothing but the Congressional Record with the fokes of Chauncey Depew, Joe Cannon and Sen Tillman to brighten our pathway through life, and the poetry of the period, bad as it is now, would become infinitely overse because the poets who'd get the faticest jobs under the property bursed. The hands formed his poetry of the period, bad as it is now, would become infinitely overse because the poets who'd get the faticest jobs under the poets who in get in the limb of the the preceived the mands were careful surgical and ran out through the state, dent in guarters and ran out through the state, again of alcehol and Mr. Bacheler and the poet again of a guarters and ran out through the state, again of alcehol and Mr. Bacheler and the poet again of age to the manutary poets of the poets of t Three weeks are Glen Racheler of Iniana lost both hands in a railway acci-

imagination that they experience the pain attributed to the men whose stories they attributed to the men whose stories they have read.

Acting on this theory the surgeon falls in with the belief of the man, administers something to quiet his nerves and, in cases where the missing hand of missing foot is accessible, gives directions for its proper handling and interment.

However, this dofs not settle the case. In a week or a month the man of the lost hand or lost foot has other trying experiences and the surgeon tries to laugh him out of the hallucination. In good time the patient apparently surrenders his belief as to pain in the lost foot or hand, but in his own heart he holds to it. He may not talk about it, but he will insist that the se-pation in the missing foot is so real and so exasperaing that it at times drives him almost to the point of insanity.

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These are strong men who have had such experiences, and their theory is that some careless treatment of the nerves severed in amputation is responsible for the queer sensations. A few surgeons have admitted that there may be something in this theory, but if it be admitted that the theory is correct, it does not explain the sensations experienced by Mr. Bacheler.

Bacheler.

In this age, when the nerves of mel and women receive more attractions.

Had Rapid Action.

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)
"A few years ago I was in Little Rock. Ark., selling goods for a Chicago house, said a Scattle real estate man a day o said a Scattle real estate man a day or two ago. "I made that city my head-quarters and ran out through the state. One day I started to make a trip-with several big trunks of samples. The negro expressman was such a good-natured accommodating fellow that I took a liking to him. I bought a 24-hour accident ticket. according to my custom. but before the train started I met a man I wanted to do some business with and I decided to stay.

"As I started to leave the station I saw my expressman talking to a negro woman, and as I passed him he said:

"My ole woman is goin' on de same train wid you, boss."

"Tm not going." I said, 'so I'll just give your wife this accident ticket."

"Why, if your wife is crippled in an accident she will get money, according to how badly she is hurt, and if she is killed you will get \$3,000.

"The couple seemed much pleased at the investment and I went away and forgot it. In the evening I learned that the train which I had falled to take had been killed. After dinner I was sitting in front of the hotel when my expressman came along looking anxiously on all sides. When he saw me he came forward and asked:

"Be you de gemman I hauled some trunks to de depot dis mawning fur?

"Yes, you took some trunks down for me,"

"Den you is de man dat give me dat ticket?" two ago. "I made that city my head-

'Am dat sho'ly true, white man?' Does git \$3,000?
"You certainly will. The company is good for it."
"Well, dat do beat all. New I kin buy "Well, dat do beat all. New I kin buy an' have a organ in it, an' fine house, an' have a organ in it, an' have a two-hoss team 'stead of one of-nery mule. White man, lemme shake yo' hand agin."

#### THE BANK CHECK.

How a Banker Reads Depositor's Characters.

"I had a shock to my vanity today," said an official of one of New York's biggest banks to a representative of the New York World. "I always prided myself on my knowledge of human naure, and I have often amused myself by studying character through that odd edium, the bank check.

"It has been a theory of mine that a man's nature and habits can usually be ascertained by a careful study of his vouchers.' The list of persons to whom hose checks are made out form a prety fair criterion (to the student of hunan nature) of most depositors' char-

"Therefore, when we return 'written up' bank books and the bunch of vouchers, I often amuse myself by glancing er both. When I find a man has strains that account by big checks jewellers, horse dealers, y own inferences, and my inferences

e usually correct."
There was one depositor of ours in hom I took great interest, although I had never seen him. My interest arose purely through a study of his vouchers and bankbook. Each week he had de posited a goodly sum with us, and each week he had drawn nearly all of it in mall or large checks, made payable to The Own Land Realty company.' The name had a solid, respectable sound, and I quickly deduced the whole story

"Our depositor was evidently a shrewd fellow, who was on the constant ookout for bargains in real estate "This morning my eyes were opened. Glancing over the paper I noted that ferome's men had raided a big down-own gambling house. The newspaper

eport ended by saying: "The report has operated sem ly under the misleading name of "The Own Land Realty company." ".

Biting Retort.

me.'
"Den you is de man dat give me dat ticket?"
"I believe I did give you an accident policy.'
"Well. de ole woman was killed in at smash-up.'

They were dancing.
"Gracions!" said the sarcastic girl, "you have elephant's feet!"
"Well. retorted the bright young man, "that's better than having crowsfeet."
And she did not speak to him again all

## AN UNPRETENTIOUS DINNER.

By Cornelia C. Bedford.

Clear Tomato Soup with Croutons | scant teaspoonful of salt, and boil Roast Loin of Pork ast Loin of Pork Apple Sauce Mashed Potatoes and Turnips Creamed Onions
Lettuce and Cheese Salad Peach Tapioca Pudding

Such a menu as this is within the such a menu as this is within the reach of every reader, both in point of cost and because all materials, with one exception, are procurable at the poorest of markets; the exception alluded to is lettuce, which, at this season of the year, is a hothouse article, but the ever increasing demand for fresh salad plants is rapidly tending to bring it within the compass of the ordinary village market. Where not obtainable, its place may be supplied by the use of firm white cabbage, finely shaved, celery or any green which can be had.

As the apple row. fresh salad plants is rapidly tending to

As the apple sauce and pudding are to be served cold, they must be thought of first. Tart apples are best for sauce, and after quartering, coring and paring they should be packed in an agate saucepan or earthen pipkin; the latter is preferable, as the heat is more even, the cooking slower and the sauce less liable to scorch; in any event, neither a tin nor iron utensil should be used, as it would discolor and give a disagreeable tasts to the and give a disagreeable taste to the finished sauce. After adding a very little water to the apples—the exact quantity depending upon the juiciness of the fruit—cook slowly until the fruit breaks; press through a sieve, sweeten to taste, reheat and cook for about five minutes, that the sugar may about five minutes, that the sugar may be more thoroughly incorporated, then put aside.

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For the pudding, drain the juice from a can of peaches; measure and add to it sufficient water to make a quart allogether, then heat in a double boiler. When hot, add one-half of a teaspoonful of salt; sprinkle in three-quarters of a cupful of fine taploea, stirring until all is in. Repeat the stirring several times within the the stirring several times within the next ten minutes, that the tapioca may not lump, then cover and cook until it is transparent. Add the strained juice of a lemon and as much sugar as may of a femon and as much sugar as may be necessary to make it pleasantly sweet. Having cut up the peaches, butter a pudding dish and fill it with alternate layers of the fruit and cooked tapioca. Bake in a moderate oven until delicately browned, then set aside. It is to be served very cold, with plain cream.

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Trim off any ragged edges, wipe with a damp cloth and arrange in the dripping pan. About two spoonfuls of water should be added as it goes into the oven; if the meat is as fat as it should be there will soon be sufficient in the pan to baste with. Contrary to the usual rule for roasting meats, the oven should not be hotter in the beginning that for bread. Pork is more difficult of digestion than beef or mutton, and unless very thoroughly cooked is likely to cause some trouble to its eaters; hence the sidwer and to its eaters; hence the slower and to its eaters; hence the slower and more thorough cooking. Gradually increase the heat and allow about twenty minutes to the pound, basting every fifteen minutes and dusting with salt and pepper when half done.

While the roast is cooking the vegetables are to be prepared and cooked separately. That they may cook more

separately: that they may cook more quickly and so give less notice of their presence, cut the turnips in inch or half inch dice; when served as suggested here, the yellow variety is to be preferred, and, if very large, one turnip will probably be sufficient. There should be about three times as much polate as durnip. When the two

There should be about three times as much potato as durnip. When the two are done, drain; then mash them together, adding a liberal proportion of good butter and seasoning well with salt and pepper. Keep in a saucepan at the side of the fire until ready to serve, and then beat well; pile lightly in a heated vegetable dish.

Lest the onions should be deemed too rank by some member of the family, tise the white or silver Skinned variety; peel, then cover with bolling water and let stand for ten minutes. Drain, again add boiling water, boil for five minutes and drain once more. This removes a good part of the essential oil and so renders them easier of digestion. Again add boiling water, also a

#### DALY'S PREMONITION.

#### Figured Out a Lease to Last Almost to Day of His Death.

Richard Dorney, who has been looking after the management of "The Two Orphans" tour, while chatting about Augustin Daly the other evening in the lobby of the Grand, brought out two very odd things in connection with the great manager. Mr. Dorney was associated with Mr. Daly in a confidential way for many years, and knew him better than any other person in the theatrical world.

"I recall one little thing," he said, "which at the time almost escaped my notice. It was the year Mr. Daly leased the property at Broadway and Thirtieth the property at Broadway and Thirtieth street in New York, since known as Daly's theatre. I accompanied him to the attorney's office where the lease was signed, and when it came time to state the term of years it was to cover Mr. Daly said: 'Oh, make it twenty years, that is as long as we will want it.' That was in 1879, and though we subsequently extended the lease Mr. subsequently extended the lease Mr. Daly himself had figured it out to a nicety, for he died almost within the month just twenty years afterward.

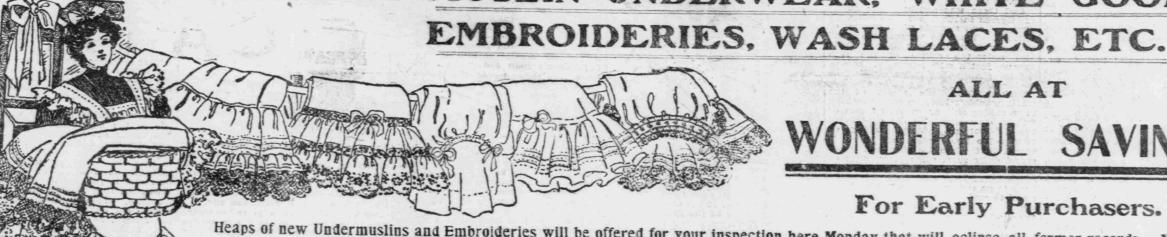
"In line with this same coincidence, which might be construed as a premonition, Mr. Daly held that when a man, who had been in active business for a number of years, reached the age of 61, he had to pass through another climax in his life. He had made a study of it, and I remember often seeing bits of paper strewn upon his desk on which were many notes of distinguished men who had died in their s'xty-first year. Tough he had given the matter a great deal of attention none of those about him paid much heed to it until we recalled after his death that here. called after his death that he was 61 years old at the time."

scant teaspoonful of salt, and boil gently until they are very tender; if of medium size and whole this will take about two hours. At a convenient interval cook together one tablespoonful of butter and one of flour; add gradually a scant cupful of milk, and continue to stir until the sauce is smoothly thickened. Season with salt and pepper; cover and keep hot until needed. Ten minutes before serving turn off a part of the water on the onions (this may be put aside to add to soup stock another day), replace it with the milk sauce, taste to see that the seasoning is perfect and simmer very gently until dished.

Croutons for soup may be made in quantity and kept in a cold place for a week or two, taking out a portion as needed. Cut stale bread into half inch slices, then into dice, rejecting all crust. Either spread on a flat pan and place in a moderate oven until toasted through and through to a delicate brown or drop into Geep smoking hot fat until colored, then drain on paper; the former keep best, the latter are

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